

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 1, 3-16, 18-25, 27-31 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claims 1, 3-16, 18-25, 27-31 have been found to be novel and the inventive because prior art record fails to show or teach means for configuring a first finite-state machine with a number of status intended to identify specific events in service delivery where, the first finite state machine configured to control service progression can be controlled; and means for initiating a specific instance of the first finite-state machine, said specific instance being identified by the assigned service session identifier; and means for activating service policies applicable to said specific events and resulting in a state transition in the specific instance identified by the assigned service session identifier.

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

1. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Amanuel Lebassi, whose telephone number is (571) 270-5303. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Nick Corsaro can be reached at (571) 272-7876. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist/customer service whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

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